

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting and was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Rosetta Wangerin; Board Chair was absent, Eric Morris; Board Secretary conducted the meeting.

2. **Roll Call**

Board Chair	Rosetta Wangerin	Absent
Board Secretary	Eric Morris	Present
Member	Joseph Nicoletti	Absent
Member	Judy Wesemann	Absent
Member	Vacant	Absent
Member	Charlene Williams	Present
Member	Alexa Morris	Present

Staff present: Jim Row, Community Services Director; Debbie Wadliegh, Aquatic Manager; Services Manager; Paulette Zastoupil, A.A;

3. **Approval of Minutes from March 10, 2009**

No quorum

4. **Business from the Audience**

None.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Jim updated the Board on the Master Plan process; on February 26th it was presented to the Planning Commission at a public hearing. The Planning Commission forwarded it to Council with one change. During the March 23rd City Council public hearing, the Council heard significant public comment and controversy surrounding the Mill Creek Greenway plan, and its inclusion in the Master Plan. The Council decided to keep the hearing open until the April 27 meeting. Jim explained that the Mill Creek Greenway issues would need to be resolved before they would be prepared to continue the hearing; therefore, it is planned that it will remain open until the May 11 Council meeting.

Mill Creek Greenway

Jim reported that the Council directed staff to host a public meeting with the Mill Creek Greenway neighbors. Meeting notices were then sent to approximately 550 Mill Creek Greenway residents, informing them that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at 6:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. Jim stated that at this meeting he will explain the details of the project, including the process that has occurred to date. Discussion will then center around current public safety issues and concerns related to the potential negative public safety impact of developing the trail project. The City plans to work closely with the residents to develop solutions to their concerns. The staff plans to provide an update to the

Council at the April 27 meeting, and ask them for direction on the project. Discussion took place on the common issues of new trails in a community.

Richard Morris

Richard lives by the pond and stated that he is in favor of the Greenway, but felt that some of the planning is faulty. He shared that a natural walking path already exists under the Oregon Ash trees and that he mows the grass during the fair weather months. He would like the project to continue but would like to modify the plan to have options.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

7. **Business from the Department**

Recreation – Stu Spence

Board received a written report. Jim played a brief video from the April 9 Egg Hunt that Paulette produced and posted on the Recreation and Parks website.

Aquatics – Debbie Wadleigh

The HVAC replacement project is still on track, with installation scheduled for April 27th. The Aquatic Center is scheduled to close from April 26 – May 10 in which the annual maintenance will also take place along with the HVAC replacement. Debbie reported that the concrete slab had been poured, and electricians have already been in doing their prep work for the installation. Spring break was busy, and there were 100 participants in swim lessons. The Summer Out and About brochure will be mailed by May 20th. Discussion took place on the parking issues during large events.

Parks and Facilities – Jim Row

Centennial Park

Jim shared the drawing of the final plan of Centennial Park and pointed out the primary elements; fourth ball field, walk/run trail loop, picnic shelter, basketball court, concession stand, dog park and maintenance building. Funding has been requested from SDC monies through the budget process, Baseball Tomorrow Grant Fund, State of Oregon Local Government Grant program, which is funded by lottery dollars and Burlingham Trust. Also, there may be a possible contribution of labor by the National Guard to build the picnic shelter and maintenance building. He stated that if the full level of funding was developed, the whole plan would be implemented, if not, we would have to go through a process or prioritizing the elements to be completed. Discussion took place on parking and lighting the sports fields. Jim shared that he has been looking at stimulus funding opportunities and was able to get Centennial Park on the federal radar as a shovel ready project. Jim is also exploring an Energy Efficiency Block Grant program, through the Oregon Department of Energy that could potentially fund the lighting component.

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8. **Future Board Business**
None.

9. **Board Comments**
Eric Morris and Alexa Morris took the opportunity to encourage citizens to support the School Bond Measure and vote on May 19, 2009. Eric encouraged citizens to attend our Recreation and Park Board meetings.

10. **Adjournment** 8:15 p.m.

Eric Morris, Board Secretary

Date _____

Paulette Zastoupil, Recording Secretary

Date _____